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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITIES.....\$10,000,000.
PROFITABLES.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 7, 1896.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Esq., H. SPILLER, Esq., CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
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Hongkong, October 23, 1894.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Esq., Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000.
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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.
Hongkong, October 17, 1896.

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Full Particulars and Illustrations from the General Agents
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J. T. HAMILTON,
Managers in the East.
Hongkong, October 17, 1896.

Business Notices.

HONGKONG RACES, 1897.

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Per cask of 4 doz. quarts \$15.00; per doz. \$3.25
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FULL ALLOWANCE GIVEN FOR EMPTIES.

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Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong and China.

Hongkong, February 5, 1897.

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W. POWELL & Co.

FOR RACING COLOURS,

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W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1897.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

Most Central.

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Breakfast and After Dinner Wines, Red and White.

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Business Notices.

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ON FRIDAY, the 16th JANUARY, for the Transaction of Business as heretofore under

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In making this announcement the Underigned respectfully INVITES INSPECTION of his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, respectfully solicits the continuance of Patronage.

For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,

Per C. CAMPBELL.

Hongkong, January 15, 1897.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY

Will dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES

named:—

FOR. STEAMSHIP. CAPTAIN. DATE.

SHANGHAI.....Rohilla.....F. COLE.....8 a.m., 9th Feb.

LONDON, &c.....Singapore.....J. F. JEPSON.....Noon, 11th Feb.

JAPAN.....Ancona.....W. D. MURIEL.....Noon, 12th Feb.

LONDON.....Ganton.....A. G. CURTIS, R.N.About 6th March.

* See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1897.

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SOME SPECIAL NEW BOOKS.

HAZEL'S ANNUAL, 1897.

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The Grey Man, by Crockett \$2.00

The Seven Seas, by Kipling 8.00

Tales of the Sea, by Marion Crawford 8.00

Doctor Stone, by Conan Doyle 5.00

Doctor Nikola, by Boothby 5.00

Saskatchewan, by Holdsworth 2.00

In and beyond the Himalayas, by E. J. Stone 9.00

W. BREWER & Co.,
Queen's Road, Under Hongkong Hotel.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighty

Ordinary General MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the

Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, 20,

MORROW, the 9th February, 1897, at 12

O'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Board of Directors,

together with a Statement of Accounts for

the Twelve Months ending the 31st Dec.,

1896.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, the 29th

January to THURSDAY, the 11th Feb., 1897,

(both days inclusive), during which Period

Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land In-

vestment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
Agents for the Kowloon Land and

Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 18, 1897.

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Hongkong, January 20, 1897.

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Business Notices.

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throws the human machinery out of gear. It relaxes the system and renders it more susceptible to attacks of Diphtheria, Influenza, Colds, and other prevalent ailments.

IF YOU COUGH

TAKE

WATKINS' BALSAMIC LINCTUS

Which act, by Inhalation and Absorption, directly upon the Respiratory Organs, the Larynx, Bronchia, Lungs, &c.

Invaluable as a Remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Laryngitis, Hoarseness,

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER JAPA.
FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo—
From Marseilles, 2nd class.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., To-day.
Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the arrival of the vessel, which no Claims will be recognized.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 218

HONGKONG'S REGULAR LINE OF
STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP
AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's S.S. Maria Rickmers, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 12th Instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, the 13th Instant.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 251

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Arniold, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Option entry will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. To-day.
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims remaining undelivered after the 9th Instant, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th Instant, at 5 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 2, 1897. 230

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL,
AND SINGAPORE.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 252

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Chandra having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 9th Instant, will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 6, 1897. 259

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

The Co.'s Steamship Denison, Captain B. Russell, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 209

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.

The Co.'s Steamship S. S. Strathgairn, Captain McKENZIE, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m., for freight or passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 110

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR TIENSHAN (DIRECT.)

The Co.'s Steamship Kweiwang, Captain Kweiwang, will be despatched on above on THURSDAY, the 13th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1897. 238

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.

Memorandum: Saturday 13th February. TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship Memorandum, will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOREA and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in QUADRUPLETE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1897. 156

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship Priam, Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th February.
For Freight or passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 210

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND MILDURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship Oni Maru, Captain C. Youse, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th February, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly-qualified Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 198

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship Okegiri, Captain IONES, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, February 6, 1897. 194

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship Lyceum, Capt. G. HECKEMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 6, 1897. 260

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR KOREA AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship Hiresuna Maru, Captain G. SHIMAZU, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 241

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(Under Mail Contract with the
Austrian Government.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURRACHEE, ADEEN, SUERZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FUME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS.)
(Also to NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.)

The Co.'s Steamship Medusa, Capt. G. WALLUSCHKE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant. Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 260

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR NAGASAKI, KOREA AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship Tokio Maru, Captain E. S. BANCROFT, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at Noon.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation, and a duly-qualified Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 240

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMA-
RANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship Oniang, Captain J. YOUNG, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 6, 1897. 265

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship Port Adelaide, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 12th February, 1897.

S. S. Energis, to sail about 22nd Feb., 1897.
S. S. Strathgairn, to sail about 7th March, 1897.
S. S. Maclellan, to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 2602

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)
FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

(Calling at TUTICORIN on the Homeward Voyage.)
The Co.'s Steamship Mikio Maru, Captain P. H. GOSWAMI, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 187

Sailing Vessels.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The British Barkus Sandana, Captain R. H. GOSWAMI, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 2471

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The 100 A.L. British ship Lock Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 245

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at noon.

City of Tokio (via Shanghai, Nankai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, March 2, at noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nankai, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, March 23, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship PERU will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOREA, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February, at Noon, calling at PANGLOSS and FORT JEFFERSON for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same to be required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 135

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

PAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(Calling via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... TUESDAY, Feb. 23, at noon.

Gosio (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, March 13, at noon.

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, April 1, at noon.

THE Steamship COPTO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOREA, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 245

Mails.

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship MIRZAPORE, Captain J. F. JERSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 198

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIEBOUTI,
EGYPT, MARSSEILLES,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX;
Also
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship NATAL, Captain CHEVALIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSSEILLES via Ports of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 a.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 16th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 244

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AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, February 8, 1897. 2185

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(THE PEAK).
Apply to
J. W. NOBLE
Hongkong, August 28, 1896. 3742

5-ROOMED BUNGALOW "HREDA,"
BONHAM ROAD.
Apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS S. N. CO.,
No. 22, PRINCE STREET.
Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1177

Insurance.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1895,
£12,433,131.
Authorized Capital, £3,000,000.00
Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000.00
Paid-up Capital, £2,000,000.00
Fire Fund, £2,000,000.00

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.
SEWELL, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1475

UNITED ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
(Incorporated in the Colony of New South Wales)
CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,700,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.
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DONALD MACDONALD,
Hongkong, November 5, 1895. 2233

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS—FEBRUARY 8, 1897.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Price.	Quotations.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	30,000	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited	30,000	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited (preference shares)	30,000	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
" " ordinary	1,250	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	10,000	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Yonghe Insurance Association, Ltd.	10,000	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	120	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	50,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Hongkong Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	25,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
West Point Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	12,500	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
TRADING.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
MINING.				
Jeleba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Panjo Mining Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	500	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
New Balaoro Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Kanb Aest. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LTD.				
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited in liq.	6,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	10,000	50	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Dakin, Urquhart & Co., Ltd. in liq.	50,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HK. and CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.				
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
BAIT, ASBESTOS BASTERN AGENCY, LTD.				
Bait, Asbestos Bastern Agency, Ltd.	7,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LIMITED.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.				
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HONGKONG BAKERY COMPANY, LTD.				
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HONGKONG DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.				
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.				
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
HONGKONG REFRIGERATION CO., LTD.				
Hongkong Refrigeration Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
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INTERNATIONAL OCEAN MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.				
International Ocean Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
LAO-KING-MOW OIL SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.				
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CHANGCHAI & CO., LTD.				
Changchai & Co., Ltd.	2,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
ROY CHOW OIL SPINNING CO., LTD.				
Roy Chow Oil Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	100	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers
FOUNDER'S SHARES.				
China Imperial 1898	100	250	all	184 1/2 prem. = \$350, sales & buyers

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Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1786

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

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P. BOHM,
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Hongkong, November 24, 1894. 1907

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Hongkong, November 24, 1896. 735

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MIKE COTTON SPINNING MILLS, Japan.
Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mills, Japan.

HAYASHI COLOUR FACTORY, Japan.
HONGKONG, December 11, 1896. 1373

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Postage to Union Countries.

Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
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The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Oanton excepted) are:—

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Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 cents per 2 oz.
Registration, 5 cents.

(c) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week-day for delivery in Victoria will be delivered the same day.

In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m. noon, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m.

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Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and British Post Offices in China for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet and Gibraltar. No parcel is sent with the Overseas Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mail, liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as glass bottles, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out of Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destination, except on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misent or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, "Sent to me" or "Received at 7 p.m.," or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

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2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

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5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on each cover as is not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be returned. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

(Office Hours: Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, and 5 to 10 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.

Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, unless noon.

1. Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

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